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ANTIBODIES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS**

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AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/941,611, filed August 30, 2001, <sup>now US Patent No. 6,576,417,</sup> which in turn is a divisional of Application No. 09/275,265, filed March 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,287,761, which in turn is a continuation of Application No. 08/391,671 filed February 21, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,922,532, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/920,286, filed October 14, 1992, abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP91/02409, filed December 31, 1991, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.--

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